Maintenance of roads using rubber

1299. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider to use natural rubber with far cggibination for maintenance of roads in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Government has expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Central Government for implementing the Rubberised Road Projects; and

(d) if so, by when Government would consider to take initiative for implementing such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (d) Government has decided to use the rubber/ polymer modified bitumen in the periodical renewal works for maintenance and bituminous wearing course of original works on National Highways for at least 10% lengths. This is being implemented. All State Governments have expressed willingness for implementing such projects.

North-South and East-West corridor in NER

1300. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of the project of the North-South and East-West corridor announced by the Prime Minister in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) whether it is fact that portion of the ATPPF and PF extension counter alongwith boundary walls falls within the ROW in NH-37 at Guwahati bypass; and

(c) if so, the action plan formulated to clear the encroachment and rehabilitation of ATPPF and PF, without financial burden or ATPPF and PF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RTED.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The North-South and East-West corridor project announced by the Prime Minister, has a total length of 758 kms. on the East-West corridor, in the North-Eastern region (State of Assam only). Out of this, four-laning of 18.4 kms. of Guwahati Bypass section at a total estimated cost of Rs. 119 crores in Assam State is presently under implementation. Project preparation of West Bengal Assam Border to Guwahati section, totaling to a length of about 256 kms. is being taken up. The whole corridor including balance length in Assam State is targeted to be completed by December, 2007.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The encroachment is being removed by the office of the Board of Trustees of ATPPF and PF. A service road leading to the office complex of ATPPF and PF would be provided at the cost of National Highways Authority of India, without financial burden on ATPPF and PF.

Completion of National Highways connecting metro cities

1301. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the four laning of the National Highways connecting the fours metros and building two corridors across the country which is being undertaken by the National Highways Authority of India, would be completed ahead of schedule;

(b) if so, to what extent;